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FOREWORD

Each family today has its history, whether written or unwritten, recognized or unrecognized. This history or heritage forms the background of our present family and has played a significant part in what we are today.

In 1958 Matilda Duerksen Thiessen started working on the Duerksen Family History. She has made personal interviews and made many correspondences. For various reasons we started with Henry A. Duerksen and proceeded to the present, listing all the names and a brief word of information wherever possible. After much research we have sought to come forth with a history as comprehensive as possible. Thus, this book includes 5 generations of the Henry A. Duerksen descendants. Any errors or omissions are unintentional and your forgiveness is requested. As we page through this book we find many names including our own belonging to our family. Together we compose the Duerksen family. Should any name be omitted, it would leave a feeling of regret and the record would be incomplete.

Life and Experiences of
MR. & MRS. H. A. DUERKSEN

Mr. and Mrs. Duerksen both came from Russia. Mr. Duerksen came to this country with his parents in August 1874 and the family settled near Parker, South Dakota.

Mrs. Duerksen arrived with her parents in July 1877 and the family settled in the vicinity of Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

Mr. Duerksen was one of a family of ten children, three boys and seven girls. At the time of making this book there are two sisters living, Mrs. Peter R. Tieszen in Marion, South Dakota, and Mrs. Schmidt Westerman in Mountain Lake, Minn. The rest have gone to their eternal reward.

Mrs. Duerksen was one of fourteen children, none of whom are living. Her parents moved to Canada in 1902 and lived there until their death.

Mr. Duerksen met his wife when he went to Minnesota to pick corn. In those days there were no cars and he told of walking 15 miles to visit her before they were married. After their marriage, they moved to Parker, South Dakota, where they lived three years. They retired in Delft, Minnesota, where they lived until their deaths. Fourteen children were born to them, 6 sons and 8 daughters. One twin daughter died in infancy and one daughter, Mrs. (Helena) John B. Ratzlaff, and one son, Peter, preceded them in death.

Mr. and Mrs. Duerksen had a long life and together they had the privilege of enjoying 62 years of married life. Most of their children live around the vicinities of Butterfield, Mountain Lake and Delft, Minnesota except one daughter, Mrs. David Peters (Sarah) who lives in Delavan, Wisconsin.

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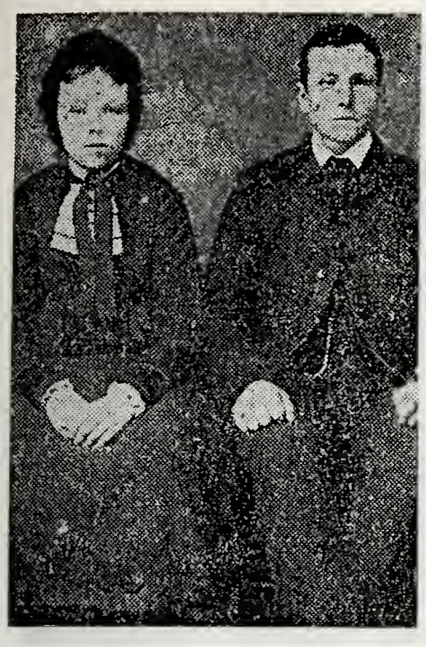

HENRY A. DUERKSEN—July 15, 1871. Married January 20, 1891 to Helena Tieszen—June 3, 1870.

Mr. Duerksen died August 1, 1955.

Mrs. Duerksen died October 14, 1952.

Henry A., son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Buller) Duerksen, was born in Hirshau, South Russia (motolschna settlement), came with his parents to America in 1874. He attended school in Parker, South Dakota vicinity. Had only two winters of school; the rest that he knew he learned himself. He worked on farms. After his marriage they lived in South Dakota for three years, then came to Butterfield, Minnesota, where they did farming. Also lived in Jackson county and near Delft. Then in 1928 moved to Delft, Minnesota and did trucking for about eight years, then retired. He enjoyed going fishing and taking his grandchildren along. He also enjoyed gardening—raising watermelons and muskmelons was his specialty. He did a lot of clock repair work.

ABRAHAM H.—October 22, 1891. Married October 22, 1923 to Mathilda Emma Koch—October 15, 1902.

LORRAINE DELORIS—May 22, 1924
VERLETTE HELEN—April 14, 1927
RAYMOND HENRY—November 20, 1929
NINA MARY—November 20, 1931
MERLE JOHN—January 2, 1933
twins:
MELVIN WILBUR—December 4, 1935
MILTON WALTER—December 4, 1935
DOROTHY LOUISE—December 1, 1939
KENNETH CHARLES—May 10, 1941

ANNA—December 12, 1892. Married January 20, 1914 to Alexander A. Pankratz—January 31, 1888.

BEN—September 16, 1914
LEONARD—November 22, 1915
LILLIAN AGNES—December 28, 1919
ROSELLA HELEN—November 9, 1923
VIOLET LINDA—December 7, 1929
ESTHER RUBY—June 24, 1933
ELROY ALEXANDER—April 9, 1936

HELENA—May 5, 1894. Married October 12, 1916 to John B. Ratzlaff—March 19, 1893.
John died January 31, 1943.
Helena died December 5, 1947.

VIOLA JUNE—June 6, 1917
ETHEL JANE—June 30, 1923

ELIZABETH—May 14, 1896. Married June 7, 1917 to Jacob J. Ratzlaff—May 4, 1895.
Jacob died December 15, 1928.

CLARA—February 26, 1918
twins:
NETTIE—December 12, 1920
HENRY—December 13, 1920
Died January 18, 1921
ELMER—August 1, 1925
Died August 19, 1930

Elizabeth married the second time December 9, 1931 to Peter W. Goossen—June 21, 1893.
Peter died January 28, 1943.

DENNIS MUREL—September 18, 1932
ADELINE JEANETTE—March 11, 1934
DONALD DEAN—December 3, 1936

THE STEP CHILDREN
JONAS HAROLD—July 24, 1922
LEROY—February 23, 1924
ARLENE LORRAINE—September 24, 1925

MARIE—January 26, 1898. Married Sept. 30, 1923 to Henry H. Peters—Feb. 19, 1900.

MARVIN—November 18, 1924
THEODORE—June 7, 1927
twins:
HARRY A.—May 2, 1930
HENRY N.—May 2, 1930

HENRY H.—August 12, 1899. Married November 24, 1926 to Lucy Mary Koch—December 13, 1906.

IONA FLORENCE—October 4, 1927
Died January 5, 1933
LEONA RUTH—September 28, 1928
HENRY LLOYD—November 29, 1930
RUEBEN LOUIE—May 2, 1933
LILA MAE—June 2, 1935
ARLENE FRANCES—March 14, 1938
MARJEAN WYONA—October 2, 1941
LAVANNE LYNN—November 16, 1949

JOHN H.—March 10, 1901. Married Sept. 24, 1922 to Sarah Krahn—March 3, 1902.
Sarah died March 13, 1924.

JOHN married the second time September 24, 1924 to Marie Krahn—October 23, 1905.

JOHNNY—August 8, 1925
MATILDA—November 5, 1926
MARTHA—January 13, 1930
MARIAN—November 14, 1931
ERWIN—May 21, 1934
MARGARET—November 20, 1938
Died November 24, 1938
MYRTLE—February 12, 1941
MYRNA—February 13, 1945

JACOB M.—February 20, 1903.
Married December 18, 1924 to Helen Fast—September 12, 1904.

LUELLA LEONA—August 6, 1925
BERNICE JULIA—September 30, 1931
JERROLD RAY—November 30, 1936

SARAH—January 1, 1905. Married October 15, 1925 to David Peters—May 18, 1901.

WILLIS—November 6, 1926
DAVID—November 7, 1938
Died October 12, 1943

Twins:
MARGARET—March 5, 1906.
Married September 30, 1932 to Charles Elgin Fisk—September 4, 1912.

LOIS JEAN—July 13, 1933
LORIS JUNE—June 6, 1935
ARVID ALLEN—April 25, 1939
CONNIE JANE—November 15, 1946

AGANETA—March 5, 1906. Died in infancy.

PETER H.—December 21, 1907. Married November 8, 1939 to Linda Kathryn Rupp—September 5, 1912.
Peter died October 5, 1946.

DAVID PETER—April 23, 1942
EDWARD PAUL—April 20, 1946

BENJAMIN H.—June 28, 1909. Married June 24, 1947 to Linda Kathryn Rupp Duerksen—September 5, 1912.

JAMES BENJAMIN—July 13, 1948
EUGENE BERNARD—November 11, 1949
RICHARD BRUCE—September 29, 1955

AGNES—April 28, 1912. Married September 30, 1932 to Rudolph Henrich Junker—September 30, 1909.

ELVIN ROY—July 15, 1933
IONA IRENE—June 27, 1935
RALPH VIRGIL—April 5, 1937
GLEN LYLE—January 15, 1942

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ABRAHAM H. DUERKSEN—Oct. 22, 1891. Married October 22, 1923 to Mathilda Emma Koch—October 15, 1902.

Abraham H., son of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen, was born at Parker, South Dakota. He attended German country school southwest of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, called Tieszen Vicinity in 1899. For three years rural school near Butterfield, Minnesota, one winter in Mountain Lake Bible school. In 1916 homesteaded in Frazer, Montana engaged in farming. After marriage farmed there until 1932 then came to Delft, Minnesota. He was a mechanic four years and then in Mountain Lake for seven years. Then in 1946 moved back to Delft, Minnesota. There he operated a produce for three years and the last year also a grocery store. Then ever since has worked for Mooer's Manufacture Company in Windom, Minnesota until the present.

LORRAINE DELORIS—May 22, 1924. Married August 30, 1947 to Roland Earl Frey —March 3, 1926.

CYNTHIA MAE—January 15, 1949
WAYNE ROLAND—February 8, 1950
BERNIE RAY—April 20, 1951

VERLETTE HELEN—April 14, 1927

RAYMOND HENRY—November 20, 1929. Married June 24, 1956 to Mary Jo McDonald —March 20, 1938.

STEVEN RAY—August 21, 1957
KURT ALLEN—September 29, 1961

NINA MARY—November 20, 1931

MERLE JOHN—January 2, 1933. Married September 8, 1957 to Muriel Ann Wessendorf —November 30, 1938.

Twins:

MELVIN WILBUR—December 4, 1935. Married January 27, 1962 to Bonnie Elizabeth Peterson—August 6, 1942.

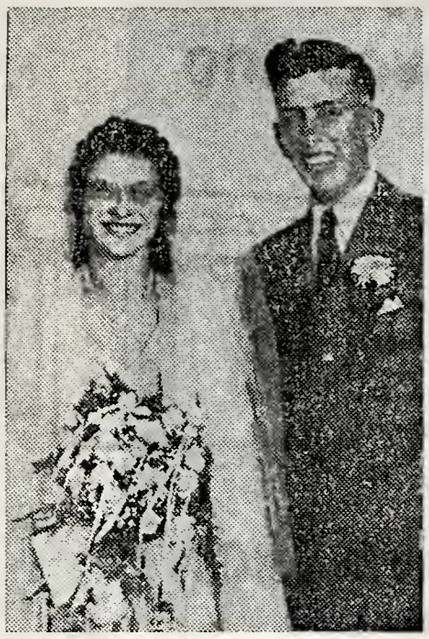
PAMELA KAY—April 23, 1962

MILTON WALTER—December 4, 1935

DOROTHY LOUISE—December 1, 1939. Married October 4, 1958 to Ernest Marvin Deutchman—December 6, 1935.

TERRY ALLEN—June 5, 1961

KENNETH CHARLES—May 10, 1941. Married August 18, 1962 to Barbara Jean Noram—June 9, 1942.



CYNTHIA MAE—January 15, 1949

WAYNE ROLAND—February 8, 1950

BERNIE RAY—April 20, 1951

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LORRAINE DELORIS (DUERKSEN) FREY—May 22, 1924.
Married August 30, 1947 to Roland Earl Frey —March 3, 1926.

Lorraine, daughter of Abraham H. and Mathilda Emma (Koch) Duerksen was born in Lustre, Montana. She attended schools in Lustre, Montana, Delft, Minnesota and Mountain Lake public school in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She worked as a floor girl in a hospital in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, was telephone operator in Delavan, Wisconsin. Is now a housewife and saleslady. Her husband is a carpenter.

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RAYMOND HENRY DUERKSEN—November 20, 1929. Married June 24, 1956 to Mary Jo McDonald—March 20, 1938.

Raymond, son of Abraham H. and Mathilda Emma (Koch) Duerksen, was born in Lustre, Montana. He attended schools in Delft and Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Worked for his dad in the produce in Delft, Minnesota. Worked at Mountain Lake Creamery and also in Mountain Lake Hatchery in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. At present is engineer for Land O' Lakes in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He was in the army for two years and was stationed 16 months at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and 8 months in Germany.

STEVEN RAY—August 21, 1957

KURT ALLEN—September 29, 1961

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MERLE JOHN DUERKSEN—January 2, 1933.
Married September 8, 1957 to Muriel Ann Wessendorf—November 30, 1938.

Merle, son of Abraham H. and Mathilda Emma (Koch) Duerksen, was born in Delft, Minn. He attended schools in Delft, Mountain Lake and Bingham Lake, Minnesota. He was in the service two years and stationed in San Pedro, California and Korea. Now is employed at Land O' Lakes milk plant in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, driving bulk truck.

PAMELA KAY—April 23, 1962

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MELVIN WILBUR DUERKSEN—
December 4, 1935.
Married January 27, 1962 to Bonnie Elizabeth Peterson—August 6, 1942.

Melvin, son of Abraham H. and Mathilda Emma (Koch) Duerksen, was born in Delft, Minnesota. He attended schools in Delft and Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Was in the service two years and one day. Was stationed in Fort Hood, Texas and Schwabach, Germany. Now is doing mason work. Works for Bill Peterson, a contractor, in Windom, Minnesota.

TERRY ALLEN—June 5, 1961

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DOROTHY LOUISE (DUERKSEN) DEUTCHMAN—December 1, 1939.
Married October 4, 1958 to Ernest Marvin Deutchman--December 6, 1935.

Dorothy, daughter of Abraham H. and Mathilda Emma (Koch) Duerksen, was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She attended school in Delft and Mountain Lake, Minn. She graduated from Mountain Lake in 1958. Worked at Hardware Mutuals mailroom in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Now is a housewife. Her husband is a farmer.

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KENNETH CHARLES DUERKSEN
—May 10, 1941.
Married August 18, 1962 to Barbara Jean Noram—June 9, 1942.

Kenneth, son of Abraham H. and Mathilda Emma (Koch) Duerksen, was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He attended schools in Delft and Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He worked on farms. At present is working for Dehelow Milling in Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

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ANNA (DUERKSEN) PANKRATZ — December 12, 1892. Married January 20, 1914 to Alexander A. Pankratz—January 31, 1888.

Anna, Daughter of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen was born at Parker, South Dakota. She attended German country school southwest of Mountain Lake, Minnesota called Tieszen Vicinity and country school near Butterfield, Minnesota. Worked at home for her parents and some housework for others. After her marriage worked in produce in California and did care taking for other people when they went on their vacations. They lived in Montana from 1916 until 1933 where they did farming, then came back to Mountain Lake, Minnesota. In 1940 bought their own home in Mountain Lake. Her husband was a farmer, also made two trips to Solnieca, Greece as livestock tender in 1946 and now is a Labor man.

BEN—September 16, 1914. Married July 31, 1935 to Katherine Jane Anderson—May 20, 1916.

MARY JANE—February 26, 1942
JO ANNE LEE—July 29, 1947
BEN JAY—December 17, 1955

LEONARD—November 22, 1915. Married April 28, 1939 to Luella Viola Korfe—April 8, 1921.

ROGER LEON—July 1, 1941
DONAVAN LEE—August 22, 1945
LUANN RUTH—July 17, 1951

LILLIAN AGNES—December 28, 1919. Married August 15, 1946 to Lester Hoad—October 19, 1923.

Twins:
ALEXANDER CHARLES—March 5, 1947
ALESE CECELIA—March 5, 1947

ROSELLA HELEN—November 9, 1923. Married October 23, 1948 to Robert Winton Mills—May 22, 1927.

STEVEN ROBERT—October 4, 1955
Adopted March 4, 1956
WENDELL PAUL—March 21, 1961
Adopted March 26, 1961

VIOLET LINDA—December 7, 1929. Married July 23, 1951 to William Oliver Dockens—November 29, 1928.

BILLY OLIVER—October 7, 1954
Billy is a retarded cerebral palsy chil
JAMES JEFFERY—June 16, 1957

ESTHER RUBY—June 24, 1933. Married December 29, 1961 to Elmer Francis Haas—May 24, 1934.

ELROY ALEXANDER—April 9, 1936. Married June 14, 1960 to Nancy Jane Bredle—January 15, 1937.

MYRNA JEAN—March 14, 1961

MARY JANE—February 26, 1942
Married November 7, 1958 to William Odell Passmore—July 17, 1937.

ELOUISE JANE—August 3, 1959

JO ANNE LEE—July 29, 1947

BEN JAY—December 17, 1955

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BEN PANKRATZ—September 16, 1914
Married July 31, 1935 to Katherine Jane Anderson—May 20, 1916.

Ben, son of Alaxander A. and Anna (Duerksen) Pankratz was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He attended schools in Montana, Mountain Lake, Minnesota and University of Minnesota. He did studying in Chico, California and Arizona for missionary work, then went out as a missionary to South America for about 6 months but had to come home as could not take the climate. Has done warehouse work and now Inventory Control and Cardex in Airmotive Corporation in Miami, Florida.

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LEONARD PANKRATZ—November 22, 1915
Married April 28, 1939 to Luella Viola Korfe —April 8, 1921.

Leonard, son of Alexander A. and Anna (Duerksen) Pankratz was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He attended school in Lustre, Montana. He worked on farms and produce before his marriage. He is a farmer and lives at Staples, Minnesota. They attend the Assembles of God church at Verndale, Minnesota. Leonard is teaching the adult Sunday school class and Luella is the Sunday school superintendent.

ROGER LEON—July 1, 1941

DONAVAN LEE—August 22, 1945

LUANN RUTH—July 17, 1951

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LILLIAN AGNES (PANKRATZ) HOAD—
December 28, 1919.
Married August 15, 1946 to Lester Hoad—
October 19, 1923.

Lillian, daughter of Alexander A. and Anna (Duerksen) Pankratz was born in Frazer, Montana. She attended country school in Lustre, Montana and Mountain Lake High School in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, graduated in 1938, then went to Northwestern Bible College in Minneapolis, Minnesota and graduated in 1942. She worked in Mountain Lake bank for a short time then in the Lincoln bank in Minneapolis, Minnesota for 1 year then went to Seattle, Washington and went into nurses training which she did until her marriage in 1946. After her marriage she worked seven years for General Insurance Company as key punch operator until June 1961 and now is working part time at Kings Garden Rest Home as part time night nurse. They attend a Conservative Baptist church. Her husband just completed 10 years with Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle, Washington as lead man in the drafting department.

Twins:
ALEXANDER CHARLES—March 5, 1947

ALESE CECELIA—March 5, 1947

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ROSELLA HELEN (PANKRATZ) MILLS —November 9, 1923.
Married October 23, 1948 to Robert Winton Mills—May 22, 1927.

Rosella, daughter of Alexander A. and Anna (Duerksen) Pankratz was born in Lustre, Montana. She attended grade school in Montana and grade and high school in Mountain Lake, Minnesota and Bible school at Northwestern in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She worked for the Mountain Lake Observer in Mountain Lake, Minnesota for a short time then went to work at "Back to the Bible" Broadcast in Lincoln, Nebraska as a secretary and in radio work. At present is full time home maker with sideline as soloist at "Back to the Bible" Broadcast. Her husband is Assistant Director of Personnel at Western Power and Gas Company in Lincoln, Nebraska.

STEVEN ROBERT—October 4, 1955
Adopted March 4, 1956

WENDELL PAUL—March 21, 1961
Adopted March 26, 1961

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VIOLET LINDA (PANKRATZ) DOCKENS
—December 7, 1929.
Married July 23, 1951 to William Oliver Dockens—November 29, 1928.

Violet, daughter of Alexander A. and Anna (Duerksen) Pankratz was born in Lustre, Montana. She attended 1st grade in Mountain Lake Public school, 2nd-7th in Mountain View country school Dist. 33 and 8th-12th in Mountain Lake Public school. Worked at Paskey's cafe in Mountain Lake, Minnesota and Dayton's Tea Rooms in Minneapolis, Minnesota until 1948, then went to Lincoln, Nebraska and did office work for State Securities until 1951. After her marriage has worked as a waitress in a coffee shop, transit department in a bank, office work for American Telephone and State Securities companies, substitute kindergarten teacher overseas, in a Dairy store and a demonstrator for Tupperware. Her husband has made Army life his career, served his country 16 years, so they have lived at many places, almost 3 years in St. Johanne, Austria, then also in Georgia, South Carolina, Ohio, Colorado, Missouri and Washington.

BILLY OLIVER—October 7, 1954
Billy is a retarded cerebral palsy child.

JAMES JEFFERY—June 16, 1957

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ESTHER RUBY (PANKRATZ) HAAS—
June 24, 1933.
Married December 29, 1961 to Elmer Francis Haas—May 24, 1934.

Esther, daughter of Alexander A. and Anna (Duerksen) Pankratz was born in Lustre, Montana. She attended Mountain Lake Public School and graduated in 1951, graduated from Northwestern Bible College at Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1956. Then worked at University of Minnesota for one year and in 1957 started working at Billy Graham headquarters office and also part time in a restaurant. She is still working for Billy Graham as Secretary of the Follow Up Department. Her husband works at the S.&M. Company (a wholesale company) in Minneapolis, Minnesota as receiving clerk. Has worked here since June 1951.

MYRNA JEAN—March 14, 1961

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ELROY ALEXANDER PANKRATZ—April 9, 1936.
Married June 14, 1960 to Nancy Jane Bredle —January 15, 1937.

Elroy, son of Alexander A. and Anna (Duerksen) Pankratz, was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He attended Mountain Lake Public grades and high school, graduated in 1954 and Northwestern Bible College at Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1958. He spent a summer teaching DVBS with Marine Medical Mission in B.C. Canada in 1957 and joined the Mission in 1958. After his marriage in 1960 they both joined the work. In October 1961 they were stationed in Bella Bella, B.C. as an assistant Pastorate and Assisting in the United Church Hospital. Nancy is a Registered nurse and assists part time in Bella Bella Hospital. They are members of the Gospel Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. On May 27, 1962 there was Ordination services for Elroy and Nancy at the Gospel Mennonite Church.

ELOUISE JANE—August 3, 1959

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MARY JANE (PANKRATZ) PASSMORE
—February 26, 1942.
Married November 7, 1958 to William Odell Passmore—July 17, 1937.

Mary, daughter of Ben and Katherine Jane (Anderson) Pankratz was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She attended schools in Sebring, Florida, Seattle, Washington, Chico, California and Miami, Florida. She worked in a dime store. Her husband is truck driver and bus driver for sightseeing bus.

HELENA (DUERKSEN) RATZLAFF
—May 5, 1894.
Married October 12, 1916 to John B. Ratzlaff
—March 19, 1893.

John B. died January 31, 1943.

Helena died December 5, 1947.

Helena, daughter of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen, was born in Parker, South Dakota. She attended German country school southwest of Mountain Lake, Minnesota called the Tieszen Vicinity and rural school near Butterfield, Minnesota. She worked for her parents at home and some house work for others. After her marriage lived in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Her husband was a garage mechanic for over 25 years. Mr. and Mrs. Ratzlaff both died of dropsy.

VIOLA JUNE—June 6, 1917. Married July 13, 1943 to George Robert Vaux—August 13, 1920.

ETHEL JANE—June 30, 1923. Married December 24, 1944 to Donald Norman Schendel —July 27, 1925.

STEVEN GEORGE—July 31, 1944
JANEEN RAE—January 2, 1948
JON ROBERT—October 4, 1952
CHARLES PATRICK—March 5, 1955

DONALD DEAN—September 20, 1945
PAUL MARCUS—July 25, 1949
ROBERT JAY—July 18, 1954
THOMAS ALLEN—August 30, 1958

STEVEN GEORGE—July 31, 1944

JANEEN RAE—January 2, 1948

JON ROBERT—October 4, 1952

CHARLES PATRICK—March 5, 1955

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VIOLA JUNE (RATZLAFF) VAUX
—June 6, 1917.
Married July 13, 1943 to George Robert Vaux
—August 13, 1920.

Viola, daughter of John B. and Helena (Duerksen) Ratzlaff, was born in Jackson county near Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She attended Mountain Lake public grades and high school. Did sales work in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, Rockford, Illinois, Red Bank, New Jersey and Colorado Springs, Colorado. Her husband was in ownership of the Oldsmobile garage including a radio and TV shop in Truman, Minnesota for 13 years until the summer of 1962. Then he started to work at the Municipal Light Plant as a lineman and jack of all trades, working indoors and out where duty calls.

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ETHEL JANE (RATZLAFF) SCHENDEL —June 30, 1923.
Married December 24, 1944 to Donald Norman Schendel—July 27, 1925.

Ethel, daughter of John B. and Helena (Duerksen) Ratzlaff, was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She attended Mountain Lake public grades and high school and graduated in 1942. Worked for Typewriter Exchange as secretary and receptionist in Seattle, Wash. After her marriage worked as a cosmetician at May's Drug Store in Waterloo, Iowa. Her husband is an Art Director at KMTV television station in Omaha, Nebraska.

DONALD DEAN—September 20, 1945

PAUL MARCUS—July 25, 1949

ROBERT JAY—July 18, 1954

THOMAS ALLEN—August 30, 1958

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ELIZABETH (DUERKSEN) RATZLAFF —May 14, 1896.
Married June 7, 1917 to Jacob J. Ratzlaff—May 4, 1895.

Jacob died December 15, 1928.

Elizabeth, daughter of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen, was born on a farm west of Butterfield, Minnesota. She attended country school near Butterfield a few months in the winters. Worked for her parents at home and some housework for others. After her marriage lived in Aswego, Montana, a few years and Munich, North Dakota, a few years, then moved to Minot, North Dakota with Jacob's parents on the farm since he couldn't work, so took in washing for other people and other work. After Jacob's death she moved to Delft, Minnesota, where she lived until her second marriage. Her husband was a farmer. Cause of his death was leakage of the heart.

CLARA—February 26, 1918. Married April 26, 1939 to John L. Falk—September 12, 1912.

JIMMIE DALE—December 8, 1940
BRUCE HENRY—April 24, 1946

Twins:

NETTIE—December 12, 1920. Married May 4, 1942 to Guy L. Erickson—July 19, 1919.

GARY GUY—August 1, 1943
LEILANI KAYE—May 14, 1946
TERRY LYNN—October 13, 1954

HENRY—December 13, 1920.

Died of pneumonia January 18, 1921.

ELMER—August 1, 1925

Died of lockjaw August 19, 1930

JIMMIE DALE—December 8, 1940

BRUCE HENRY—April 24, 1946

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CLARA (RATZLAFF) FALK—February 26, 1918.
Married April 26, 1939 to Johnny Leonard Falk—September 12, 1912.

Clara, daughter of Jacob J. and Elizabeth (Duerksen) Ratzlaff, was born in Aswego, Montana. She attended school in North Dakota and here in Minnesota. She did some housework. Her husband is a farmer.

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NETTIE (RATZLAFF) ERICKSON
—December 12, 1920.
Married May 4, 1942 to Guy Leonard Erickson
—July 19, 1919.

Nettie, daughter of Jacob J. and Elizabeth (Duerksen) Ratzlaff, was born in Alson, North Dakota. She attended country schools in Minot, North Dakota, Delft and Mountain Lake, Minnesota and also Mountain Lake high school. Did housework, cafe work and factory work and now does cleaning at Commercial College. Her husband is custodian at Mankato Post Office in Mankato, Minnesota.

GARY GUY—August 1, 1943

LEILANI KAYE—May 14, 1946

TERRY LYNN—October 13, 1954

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ELIZABETH (DUERKSEN) (RATZLAFF) GOOSSEN—May 14, 1896.
Married December 9, 1931 to Peter W. Goossen—June 21, 1893. Peter died January 28, 1943.

Elizabeth, after her marriage to Peter W. Goossen who was a farmer, moved on his farm northwest of Mountain Lake until Peter had a stroke in 1939, then moved to Mountain Lake, Minnesota. After Peter's death has worked in Butterfield, Minnesota Produce and does paper hanging for other people together with Mrs. Jacob M. Duerksen.

Her husband, Peter W. Goossen, died from a stroke.

DENNIS MUREL—September 18, 1932. Married December 16, 1955 to Darlene Mae Gjerstad—January 10, 1937.

DARRELL DEAN—October 8, 1956
DONAVAN DUANE—February 24, 1958
PAMELA JEAN—September 17, 1960

ADELINE JEANETTE—March 11, 1934. Married August 18, 1961 to Joseph Hunter Grant—January 18, 1934.

SCOTT ANDREWS—October 11, 1962

DONALD DEAN—December 3, 1936. Married September 13, 1960 to Delphine Lenora Foster —July 24, 1943.

JONATHAN WAYNE—March 10, 1962

THE STEP CHILDREN

JONAS HAROLD—July 24, 1922. Married October 11, 1944 to Eva Heffele—July 10, 1926.

BARBARA ELLEN—July 18, 1945
JOANNE ELAINE—September 24, 1947
JANET KAY—April 29, 1950
ROGER JONAS—April 15, 1954
RANDALL WAYNE—September 28, 1956
THOMAS HAROLD—October 11, 1958
GLENDA JEAN—January 4, 1960
VYONNE MARIE—August 10, 1961

LEROY—February 23, 1924. Married April 30, 1947 to Estelle —May 7,

MARGIE LEE—July 19, 1948

ARLENE LORRAINE—September 24, 1925.

DARRELL DEAN—October 8, 1956

DONAVAN DUANE—February 24, 1958

PAMELA JEAN—September 17, 1960

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DENNIS MUREL GOOSSEN—September 18, 1932.
Married December 16, 1955 to Darlene Mae Gjerstad—January 10, 1937.

Dennis, son of Peter W. and Elizabeth (Duerksen) Goossen, was born northeast of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He attended Mountain Lake Public school 1st-12th grades. Graduated in 1952. He worked at Sheet Metal Shop in Butterfield, Minnesota all 4 years of his high school as part time job and then Saturdays and in the summers. Started to work at Scherr-Tumico plant in St. James for 1 summer, then left for the service in 1952. Was in the Air Force four years, stationed at San Antonio, Texas, Wichita, Kansas, Amarillo, Texas, Topeka, Kansas, and Alaska for three months then back to Topeka, Kansas. After returning from service worked at Scherr-Tumico for 2½ years then at Sillman Motors in Windom, Minnesota 2 years, at Butterfield Produce 3 years and now is working at the Scherr-Tumico plant in St. James as surface grinder.

SCOTT ANDREWS—October 11, 1962

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ADELINE JEANETTE (GOOSSEN) GRANT—March 11, 1934.
Married August 18, 1961 to Joseph Hunter Grant—January 18, 1934.

Jeanette, daughter of Peter W. and Elizabeth (Duerksen) Goossen was born northeast of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She attended Mountain Lake Public school 1st-12th grades, graduated in 1952. Worked in the Butterfield Produce in Butterfield, Minnesota as secretary, has worked there 10 years and is still working there. Her husband is a general labor man. Now is working for Hieberts Greenhouse in Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

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DONALD DEAN GOOSSEN—December 3, 1936.
Married September 13, 1960 to Delphine Lenora Foster—July 24, 1943.

Donald, son of Peter W. and Elizabeth (Duerksen) Goossen was born northeast of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He attended Mountain Lake, Public school kindergarten-12th grades and graduated in 1955. He was in the army two years and stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado and in Munich, Germany. Worked as a carpenter and now is working for Ford Garage in Windom, Minnesota.

JONATHAN WAYNE—March 10, 1962

BARBARA ELLEN—July 18, 1945

JOANNE ELAINE—September 24, 1947

JANET KAY—April 29, 1950

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JONAS HAROLD GOOSSEN—July 24, 1922. Married October 11, 1944 to Eva Heffele—July 10, 1926.

Jonas, son of Peter W. and stepson of Elizabeth (Duerksen) (Ratzlaff) Goossen was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He attended Mountain Lake country schools. Worked on the farm, was in the service 2 years and 9 days and was stationed at Camp Hood, Texas and overseas in the Philippines and Japan. Now is working at Trimont Rendering Plant.

ROGER JONAS—April 15, 1954

RANDALL WAYNE—September 28, 1956

THOMAS HAROLD—October 11, 1958

GLENDA JEAN—January 4, 1960

VYONNE MARIE—August 10, 1961

MARGIE LEE—July 19, 1948

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LEROY GOOSSEN—February 23, 1924.
Married April 30, 1947 to Estelle
—May 7, .

LeRoy, son of Peter W. and stepson of Elizabeth (Duerksen) (Ratzlaff) Goossen, was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He attended Mountain Lake country schools. After his schooling he joined the Navy and was stationed in California. Now is working in Aircraft plant in Torrence, California.

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MARIE (DUERKSEN) PETERS—January 26, 1898.
Married September 30, 1923 to Henry H. Peters—February 19, 1900.

Marie, daughter of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen, was born on a farm west of Butterfield, Minnesota. She attended country school near Butterfield and also in Jackson county, Minnesota, a few months in the winters. Worked for her parents at home and did housework and field work, like shocking at harvest time. Her husband is a farmer.

MARVIN—November 18, 1924. Married July 9, 1949 to Marian Liem—December 28, 1927.

KARLA KAY—October 1, 1952
BRIAN HENRY—March 12, 1957
LAURA LE—February 4, 1960

THEODORE—June 7, 1927. Married March 24, 1950 to Grace Mae Derksen—September 9, 1926.

ROGER ALLEN—March 28, 1951
MARY JANE—February 26, 1953

Twins:

HARRY A.—May 2, 1930. Married June 12, 1956 to Phyllis Jayne Wellman—May 6, 1937.

JANET KAY—April 2, 1958

HENRY N.—May 2, 1930. Married September 4, 1956 to Lois Ann Kintzi—February 22, 1936.

BETTY ANN—October 19, 1957

KARLA KAY—October 1, 1952

BRIAN HENRY—March 12, 1957

LAURA LE—February 4, 1960

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MARVIN PETERS—November 18, 1924.
Married July 9, 1949 to Marian Liem
—December 28, 1927.

Marvin, son of Henry H. and Marie (Duerksen) Peters, was born near Windom, Minn. He attended country schools in Cottonwood county, Windom and Bingham Lake high schools. Also attended Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Worked at Woodlake Electric in Minneapolis, Minn. as a bookkeeper. Has had 12½ years of active service and has made this his career work. Places he has been stationed are Camp Hood, Texas; Fort Benning, Ga.; Philippine Islands; Japan; Wold Chamberlain Field in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Selfridge Air Force Base Michigan; Affott Air Force Base, Nebraska; Anderson Air Force Base, Guam and at present at United States Air Force Base in Beale, California.

ROGER ALLEN—March 28, 1951

MARY JANE—February 26, 1953

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THEODORE H. PETERS—June 7, 1927. Married March 24, 1950 to Grace Mae Derksen —September 9, 1926.

Theodore H., son of Henry H. and Marie (Duerksen) Peters, was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He attended schools around Delft and Bingham Lake, Minnesota. He works as school bus driver for Windom Public Schools and farms near Delft Minnesota. He also is part time bulk gas truck driver and works as caretaker of Windom Golf Course.

JANET KAY—April 2, 1958

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HARRY A. PETERS—May 2, 1930.
Married June 12, 1956 to Phyllis Jayne Wellman—May 6, 1937.

Harry A., son of Henry H. and Marie (Duerksen) Peters, was born east of Delft, Minnesota. He attended schools around Delft and Bingham Lake, Minnesota. Graduated from Bingham Lake High School in 1949. He was in the Navy 4 years at Norfolk, Virginia stationed on the USS Emphion. After service worked for Janzen Welding in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, for 1½ years as welder. Now is farming near Delft, Minnesota.

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BETTY ANN—October 19, 1957

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HENRY N. PETERS—May 2, 1930.
Married September 4, 1956 to Lois Ann Kintzi —February 22, 1936.

Henry N., son of Henry H. and Marie (Duerksen) Peters, was born east of Delft, Minnesota. He attended school around Delft and Bingham Lake Minnesota. Graduated from Bingham Lake High School in 1949. He was in the Air Force 3 years, stationed in Texas, Georgia and Germany. He went to business school in Mankato, Minnesota 1½ years. Worked for Mankato Concrete Company and in Windom First National Bank in Windom, Minnesota for 3 years and at present is working in the Butterfield Bank in Butterfield, Minnesota.

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HENRY H. DUERKSEN—August 12, 1899. Married November 24, 1926 to Lucy Mary Koch—December 13, 1906.

Henry H., son of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen was born on a farm west of Butterfield, Minnesota. He attended rural school near Butterfield and also in Jackson county, Minnesota, which was only a few months in the winter. After his marriage he lived in Montana from 1926 until 1931. Since then has lived in Delft and Mountain Lake, Minnesota vicinity. Was a mechanic in a garage in Montana 1 year and for 4 years in Delft, Minnesota where he was the proprietor and the rest of the time was a farmer. Now he works in the Scherr-Tumico plant in St. James, Minnesota.

IONA FLORENCE—October 4, 1927
Died January 5, 1933
Cause of death—double pneumonia and croup

LEONA RUTH—September 28, 1928. Married November 28, 1953 to Gene Andress—July 12, 1924.

HENRY LLOYD—November 29 1930

RUEBEN LOUIE—May 2, 1933. Married June 23, 1962 to Eleanor Mildred Hyde —November 16, 1936.

LILA MAE—June 2, 1935. Married Sept. 4, 1959 to James Brian Welling—January 17, 1939.

ARLENE FRANCES—March 14, 1938. Married May 23, 1959 to Roger August Gross December 11, 1936.

MARJEAN WYONA—October 2, 1941

LAVANNE LYNN—November 16, 1949

Twins:
DARLA RAY—April 6 1956
Died April 8, 1956
KARLA KAY—April 6, 1956
Died April 8, 1956
JACQULYN RENEE—May 16, 1957
DOUGLAS JAY—June 7, 1959

JAMES BRIAN—June 17, 1960
BRENDA JEAN—August 25, 1961

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LEONA RUTH (DUERKSEN) ANDRESS
—September 28, 1928.
Married November 28, 1953 to Gene Andress
—July 12, 1924.

Leona, daughter of Henry H. and Lucy Mary (Koch) Duerksen was born in Frazer, Montana. She attended District 36 Delton township in cottonwood county, Bingham Lake and Mountain Lake high schools. Graduated in 1948 and also from North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She worked for Dayton's in Minneapolis, Minnesota as a waitress in Dayton's Sky Room and also as clerk in furs, neckware and blouses department. Also worked as waitress at the Home for the Blind. Her husband is an interior decorator and painter.

Twins:

DARLA RAY—April 6, 1956
Died April 8, 1956
Cause of death—collapsed lungs.

KARLA KAY—April 6, 1956
Died April 8, 1956
Cause of death—collapsed lungs.

JACQULYN RENEE—May 16, 1957

DOUGLAS JAY—June 7, 1959

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RUEBEN LOUIE DUERKSEN
—May 2, 1933.
Married June 23, 1962 to Eleanor Mildred Hyde—November 16, 1936.

Rueben, son of Henry H. and Lucy Mary (Koch) Duerksen, was born in Delft, Minn. He attended school District 36 Delton township in Cottonwood county, Mountain Lake public grades and high school in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Graduated in 1951 and from Empire Linotype School at New York City in 1954. He worked in Mountain Lake, Minn. in Mountain Lake Observer with printing and in Madelia, Minnesota for Madelia Times-Messenger as Linotype operator, then went to Minneapolis, Minnesota for Twin City Lino Service as linotype machinist and at present is linotype salesman. He was in the Army from 1953-1955 and was stationed at Fort Ord, California and Fort Jay, New York City.

JAMES BRIAN—June 17, 1960

BRENDA JEAN—August 25, 1961

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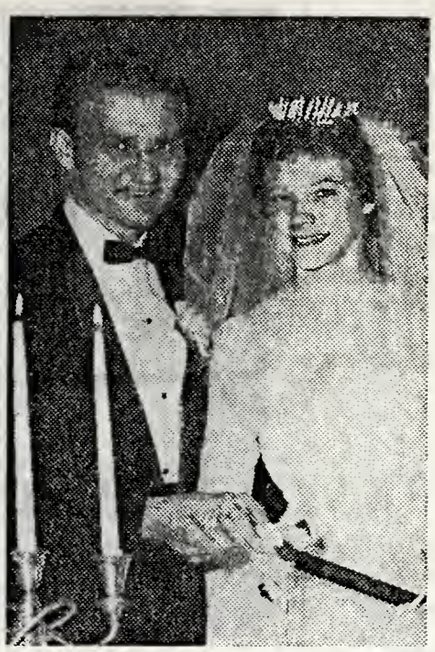
LILA MAE (DUERKSEN) WELLING
—June 2, 1935.
Married September 4, 1959 to James Brian Welling—January 17, 1939.

Lila, daughter of Henry H. and Lucy Mary (Koch) Duerksen, was born in Delft, Minn. She attended Mountain Lake Public school 1st-12th grades and graduated in 1953 and from North Central Bible College in 1958. She has worked as a telephone operator for Northwestern Telephone Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota for 9 years and is still working there. Her husband is a student at the University of Minnesota, studying to be a mathematician.



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ARLENE FRANCES (DUERKSEN) GROSS—March 14, 1938.
Married May 23, 1959 to Roger August Gross —December 11, 1936.

Arlene, daughter of Henry H. and Lucy Mary (Koch) Duerksen, was born in Cottonwood county near Delft, Minnesota. She attended Mountain Lake Public school and graduated in 1956. She went 2 years to North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Is working at General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her husband is attending college.

No children from the first marriage.

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JOHN H. DUERKSEN—March 10, 1901. Married September 24, 1922 to Sarah Krahn —March 3, 1902. She died March 13, 1924.

JOHNNY J.—August 8, 1925. Married Feb. 18, 1949 to Tina Krause—June 22, 1926.

ARTHUR JOHN—June 22, 1951
ARNOLD JAMES—May 22, 1953
ARDEN JEROME—September 2, 1959

John H., son of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen was born on a farm west of Butterfield, Minn. He attended some rural school near Butterfield and also in Jackson county which was only a few months in the winter. After his marriage to Sarah Krahn they farmed southwest of Mountain Lake, Minnesota for 1 year, then moved to her home place east of Mountain Lake and farmed 6 months. She passed away of dropsy and kidney trouble. After his second marriage to Marie Krahn he farmed east of Mountain Lake for 4½ years and other farms until 1939 when he bought a farm south of Delft, Minnesota and are still farming except for 1 year when he was owner and butcher of a locker plant in Melvin, Iowa.

MATILDA—November 5, 1926. Married April 5, 1951 to Albert D. Thiessen—June 1, 1923.

IVAN ALBERT—September 5, 1954
DARWIN ALAN—February 15, 1959
LAUREN ALDEN—July 16, 1961

MARTHA—January 13, 1930. Married June 26, 1953 to DeLoss M. Pieske—May 30, 1932.

Twins:

MARLIN DELOSS—October 9, 1954
MARILYN MARTHA—October 9, 1954

BARBARA JEAN—November 2, 1957

MARIAN—November 14, 1931. Married June 26, 1953 to Harold J. Thiessen—December 23, 1932.

MARK ALLEN—July 5, 1958
DONNA MARIE—July 26, 1960

JOHN H. DUERKSEN—Married September 24, 1924 to Marie Krahn—October 23, 1905.

ERWIN J.—May 21, 1934. Married June 14, 1958 to Georgine Marie Wacker—February 21, 1940.

DALE MICHAEL—March 6, 1959
BRENDA KAY—October 15, 1960
KAREN RENEE—August 11, 1962

MARGARET—November 20, 1938.

Died November 24, 1938.

Cause of death—heart trouble.

MYRTLE—February 12, 1941

MYRNA—February 13, 1945

ARTHUR JOHN—June 22, 1951

ARNOLD JAMES—May 22, 1953

ARDEN JEROME—September 2, 1959

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JOHNNY J. DUERKSEN—August 8, 1925. Married February 18, 1949 to Tina Krause —June 22, 1926.

Johnny J., son of John H. and Marie (Krahn) Duerksen, was born east of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He attended country school south of Delft, Minnesota 1st-8th grades, Bingham Lake High School 1 year and Mountain Lake Bible School 1 semester. He worked for his dad on the farm. Was in Civilian Public Service for 18 months. He was stationed at Colorado Springs, Colorado for 12 months and Belton, Montana for 6 months. At present he is a bus driver for Windom Public Schools and groeery stock clerk at Johnson Fair Store in Windom, Minn.

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MATILDA (DUERKSEN) THIESSEN
—November 5, 1926.
Married April 5, 1951 to Albert D. Thiessen
—June 1, 1923.

Matilda, daughter of John H. and Marie (Krahn) Duerksen, was born east of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She attended country school 1st-8th grades, south of Delft, Minnesota, Bingham Lake High School 1 year and 2 years of Mountain Lake Bible School. Did housework and worked in ice cream shop and produce at Lamberton, Minnesota and in the Butterfield Produce and also helped her dad in his locker plant. Her husband does custom corn shelling and works part time in an implement shop and also land farming.

IVAN ALBERT—September 5, 1954

DARWIN ALAN—February 15, 1959

LAUREN ALDEN—July 16, 1961

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MARTHA (DUERKSEN) PIESKE
—January 13, 1930.
Married June 26, 1953 to DeLoss M. Pieske
—May 30, 1932.

Martha, daughter of John H. and Marie (Krahn) Duerksen, was born southwest of Delft, Minnesota. She attended country school south of Delft 1st-8th grades, graduated from Bingham Lake High School in 1947; also went to Lamberton, Minnesota teachers training 1 year and Mankato State 1 year. Taught school 4 years previous to her marriage and 6 years since her marriage. Her husband is a farmer.

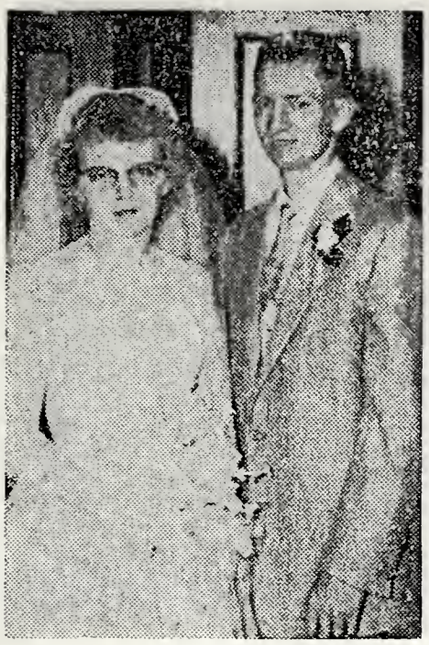
The DeLoss M. Pieskes (Martha) had a double wedding with the Harold J. Thiessens (Marian).

Twins:

MARLIN DELOSS—October 9, 1954

MARILYN MARTHA—October 9, 1954

BARBARA JEAN—November 2, 1957



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MARIAN (DUERKSEN) THIESSEN
—November 14, 1931.
Married June 26, 1953 to Harold J. Thiessen
—December 23, 1932.

Marian, daughter of John H. and Marie (Krahn) Duerksen was born southwest of Delft, Minnesota. She attended country school south of Delft 1st-8th grades, Bingham Lake High school, graduated in 1949, and Mankato Commercial college 1 semester. Worked in grocery store as checker and bookkeeper and telephone operator for 6 months and after marriage was telephone operator for 4½ years. Her husband is manager of Darfur Lumber Company in Darfur, Minnesota.

The Harold J. Thiessens (Marian) had a double wedding with the DeLoss M. Pieskes (Martha).

MARK ALLEN—July 5, 1958

DONNA MARIE—July 26, 1960

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ERWIN J. DUERKSEN—Mary 21, 1934
Married June 14, 1958 to Georgine Marie Wacker—February 21, 1940.

Erwin, son of John H. and Marie (Krahn) Duerksen, was born south of Delft, Minnesota. He attended country school south of Delft 1st-8th grades and Bingham Lake and Mountain Lake high schools, graduated in 1952. After school helped his father on the farm then bought his own truck and had a milk route for three years. In 1958 Erwin and Lyle Bartsch went together in partnership grain hauling and trucking which he is still doing.

DALE MICHAEL—March 6, 1959

BRENDA KAY—October 15, 1960

KAREN RENEE—August 11, 1962

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JACOB M. DUERKSEN—February 20, 1903. Married December 18, 1924 to Helen Fast—September 12, 1904.

Jacob M., son of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen, was born on a farm west of Butterfield, Minnesota. He attended rural school near Buterfield and also in Jackson County, Minnesota and District 32 "Warkentine" school south of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He helped his parents at home. After marriage farmed 9 years then moved to Mountain Lake, Minnesota and did local trucking for 2 years. Was school bus driver for Mountain Lake schools from January 1, 1936 until 1958 and did carpenter work in-between and through the summers. Also drove creamery truck for Mountain Lake Creamery 2½ years. Quit bus driving and started full-time carpenter work in Illinois for his son-in-law for about one year and then came back to take care of Mrs. Duerksen's parents. He still is doing carpenter work for Walter Buller. He has helped build churches in North Dakota and northern South Dakota.

LUELLA LEONA—August 6, 1925. Married April 22, 1947 to Fay A. Randerson—March 17, 1924.

BERNICE JULIA—September 30, 1931. Married August 19, 1950 to Henry M. Fast—August 7, 1930.

JERROLD RAY—November 30, 1936. Married November 29, 1958 to Elizabeth Ann Schmidt—January 12, 1938.

PATRICIA LYNN—Marc
BRYAN LEE—July 31, 1
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JENNIFER LOLA—Dec
GINGER LARAE—Febr
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RODNEY KEITH—June
SHERRILL MARIBETH

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JACOB M. DUERKSEN—February 20, 1903. Married December 18, 1924 to Helen Fast—September 12, 1904.

Jacob M., son of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen, was born on a farm west of Butterfield, Minnesota. He attended rural school near Buterfield and also in Jackson County, Minnesota and District 32 "Warkentine" school south of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He helped his parents at home. After marriage farmed 9 years then moved to Mountain Lake, Minnesota and did local trucking for 2 years. Was school bus driver for Mountain Lake schools from January 1, 1936 until 1958 and did carpenter work in-between and through the summers. Also drove creamery truck for Mountain Lake Creamery 2½ years. Quit bus driving and started full-time carpenter work in Illinois for his son-in-law for about one year and then came back to take care of Mrs. Duerksen's parents. He still is doing carpenter work for Walter Buller. He has helped build churches in North Dakota and northern South Dakota.

LUELLA LEONA—August 6, 1925. Married April 22, 1947 to Fay A. Randerson—March 17, 1924.

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JERROLD RAY—November 30, 1936. Married November 29, 1958 to Elizabeth Ann Schmidt—January 12, 1938.

PATRICIA LYNN—March 13, 1949
BRYAN LEE—July 31, 1951
CAREY LOU—April 29, 1953
RENEA LAUREL—February 25, 1955
JENNIFER LOLA—December 24, 1956
GINGER LARAE—February 10, 1959
NEIL LARRY—December 22, 1960

RODNEY KEITH—June 27, 1951
SHERRILL MARIBETH—April 18, 1953

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LUELLA LEONA (DUERKSEN) RANDERSON—August 6, 1925. Married April 22, 1947 to Fay A. Randerson—March 17, 1924.

LuElla, daughter of Jacob M. and Helen (Fast) Duerksen was born in Carson Township, 8 miles northwest of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She attended Willow Grove school about 6 miles north of Windom, Minnesota for 1½ years. Then moved to near Darfur and went to school in Sveadahl, Minnesota for next 1¾ years then moved to Mountain Lake, Minnesota and attended rest of grades and high school there. Graduated in 1943. She worked the following summer at Epp Mercantile Store in Mountain Lake and also Butterfield produce and in fall enrolled in Mankato Commercial College for one semester. Then went to work for J. I. Case Company in Rock Island, Illinois for several months, then came back to Mountain Lake, Minn., and worked for the Mountain Lake Co-Op Creamery for almost two years until her marriage in 1947. After marriage a housewife and mother. Her husband is a General Contractor. His business consists mostly of residential construction, both new and remodel.

PATRICIA LYNN—March 13, 1949

BRYAN LEE—July 31, 1951

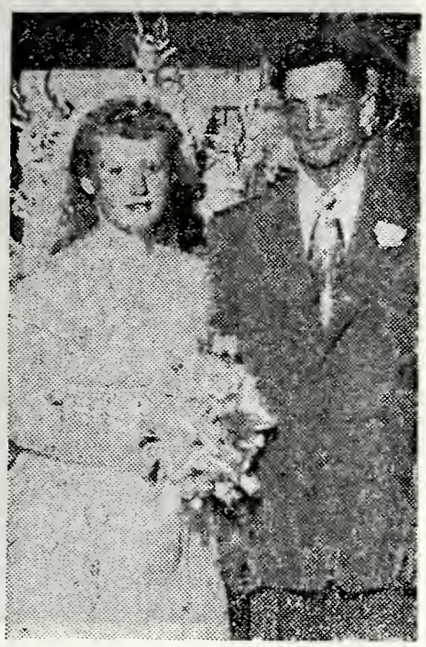
CAREY LOU—April 29, 1953

RENEA LAUREL—February 25, 1955

JENNIFER LOLA—December 24, 1956

GINGER LARAE—February 10, 1959

NEIL LARRY—December 22, 1960



RODNEY KEITH—June 27, 1951

SHERRILL MARIBETH—April 18, 1953

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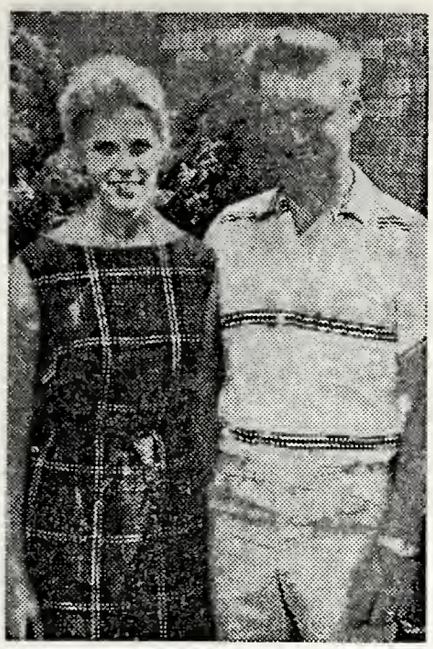
BERNICE JULIA (DUERKSEN) FAST—September 30, 1931. Married August 19, 1950 to Henry M. Fast—August 7, 1930.

Bernice, daughter of Jacob M. and Helen (Fast) Duerksen, was born in Cottonwood county near Windom, Minnesota. She attended all 12 years of school at Mountain Lake Public School in Mountain Lake, Minn. Graduated in 1949. She worked for Clinic Pharmacy in Mountain Lake, Minnesota and Buterfield produce in Butterfield, Minn., until her marriage in 1950. Then after 4 years she started working for S.&L. Company in Rochester, Minn., for 1 year, then to Methodist Hospital as an Aide for three years. Then to Olmsted Community Hospital training for Licensed Practical Nurse for 3½ years. And now is Charge Nurse on night shift at a new half-million dollar Rochester Nursing Home.

Her husband has worked for 8 years for LeRoy Shane, Inc.



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JERROLD RAY DUERKSEN — November 30, 1936. Married November 29, 1958 to Elizabeth Ann Schmidt—January 12, 1938.

Jerrold, son of Jacob M. and Helen (Fast) Duerksen, was born in Mountain Lake, Minn. He attended Mountain Lake Public School and graduated in 1955. Entered service in 1956 as a Conscientious Objector and served his two years of service for the government in M.C.C. work at Bethesda, Maryland. After his marriage lived in Mountain Lake, Minnesota and worked as a carpenter for Albert H. Peters and also for Jungas Hardware in Mountain Lake. Then in June 1961 they entered in Voluntary service for a term of one year under M.C.C. at Akron, Pennsylvania where Jerry did carpenter work and Liz worked in an office as file clerk. They are now living in Mankato, Minnesota where Jerry is attending Mankato State College for 4 years. He is studying to be a Manual Training teacher.

SARAH (DUERKSEN) PETERS—January 1, 1905.
Married October 15, 1925 to David Peters —May 18, 1901.

Sarah, daughter of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen, was born on a farm west of Butterfield, Minnesota. She attended country school in Watonwan and Jackson counties of Minnesota. Worked at home for her parents and some housework for others. After her marriage a housewife caring for home and family. Her husband works for Walworth County Highway Department in Wisconsin.

WILLIS—November 6, 1926
Willis is handicapped since birth—affliction Cerebral Palsy or Spastic Paralysis. He learned to read at home.

DAVID JAMES—November 7, 1938
Died October 12, 1943
Death was caused from ruptured appendix operation.

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MARGARET (DUERKSEN) FISK—March 5, 1906.
Married September 30, 1932 to Charles Elgin Fisk—September 4, 1912.

Margaret, daughter of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen, was born on a farm west of Butterfield, Minn. She attended country school in Jackson County, Minn., Warkentine school south of Mountain Lake, Wieler, Fast school east of Delft, Minnesota. Before her marriage worked in hotels in St. James and Windom, Minnesota and also housework.
Her husband is a farmer and also does custom work.

The Charles E. Fisks (Margaret) had a double wedding with The Rudolph H. Junkers (Agnes).

LOIS JEAN—July 13, 1933. Married Nov. 7, 1953 to Maynard Lee Burnham—February 29, 1932.

LORIS JUNE—June 6, 1935. Married June 5, 1954 to John Martin Strenge—March 13, 1931.

ARVID ALLEN—April 25, 1939. Married September 3, 1960 to Clarice Darlene Bakken —October 23, 1942.

CONNIE JANE—November 15, 1946.

DARYL DEAN—August 18, 1960
Adopted August 24, 1960

DONEL LEE—December 16, 1961
Adopted December 20, 1961

DEBRA KAY—September 17, 1955
Died April 29, 1956
SHERRI LYNN—June 7, 1957
Died February 11, 1958
CHARLES ALLEN—October 14, 1960
Adopted March 13, 1961

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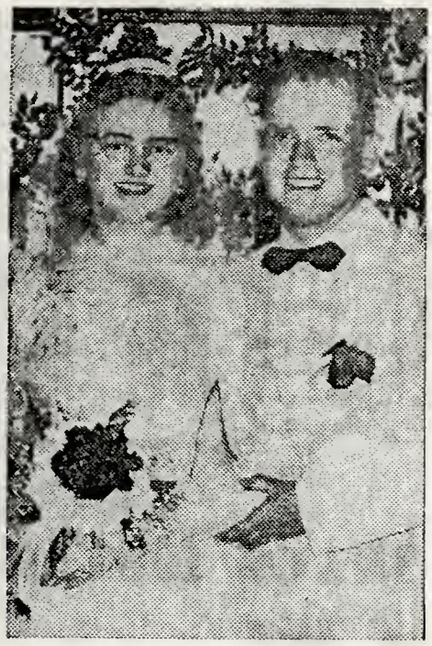
LOIS JEAN (FISK) BURNHAM—July 13, 1933.
Married November 7, 1953 to Maynard Lee Burnham—February 29, 1932.

Lois, daughter of Charles Elgin and Margaret (Duerksen) Fisk, was born in Renville, Minnesota. She attended Mountain Lake, Minnesota Public School 1st-12th grades. Graduated in 1952. She worked for Campbell's Soup Company in Worthington, Minnesota. Now are living in Renton, Washington where her husband is a sealer for Boeing Airplane Company.

DARYL DEAN—August 18, 1960
Adopted August 24, 1960

DONEL LEE—December 16, 1961
Adopted December 20, 1961



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LORIS JUNE (FISK) STRENGE—June 6, 1935.
Married June 5, 1954 to John Martin Strenge —March 13, 1931.

Loris, daughter of Charles Elgin and Margaret (Duerksen) Fisk was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She attended Mountain Lake Public School 1st-12th grades. Graduated in 1953. She worked as telephone operator in Windom, Minnesota. Now are living in Chamberlain, South Dakota. Her husband is a pipe fitter now working on the Big Bend Dam in South Dakota.

DEBRA KAY—September 17, 1955
Died April 29, 1956
Cause of death unknown.

SHERRI LYNN—June 7, 1957
Died February 11, 1958
Cause of death unknown.

CHARLES ALLEN—October 14, 1960
Adopted March 13, 1961

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ARVID ALLEN FISK—April 25, 1939
Married September 3, 1960 to Clarice Darlene Bakken—October 23, 1942.

Arvid, son of Charles Elgin and Margaret (Duerksen) Fisk was born Northeast of Mountain Lake, Minn. He attended schools at Mountain Lake Public School and also at Bertha, Minn. He worked for his dad on the farm at Bertha, Minn. Then at the Lampert Lumber Company in Little Falls, Minn. He entered armed service November 7, 1961. He has been stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Lawton, Oklahoma and Fort Lewis, Washington. He is still in service at the time this book is printed.

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PETER H. DUERKSEN—December 21, 1907
Married November 8, 1939 to Linda Kathryn Rupp—September 5, 1912.
Peter died October 5, 1946

Peter H., son of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen, was born on a farm west of Buterfield, Minn. He attended Warkentine rural school south of Mountain Lake for two years and rural Wieler East school East of Delft two years and also in Delft, Minnesota. He worked with his brother, John, on the farms for 11 years and then after he got married in 1939 they moved into a small house on John's farm and lived there for about one year and they purchased a farm 3 miles west of Delft, Minn., and farmed there until his death which was October 5, 1946 of a cancerous tumor of the brain in the Saint Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn.

DAVID PETER—April 23, 1942

EDWARD PAUL—April 20, 1946

JAMES BENJAMIN—July 13, 1948

EUGENE BERNARD—November 11, 1949

RICHARD BRUCE—September 29, 1955

BENJAMIN H. DUERKSEN—June 28, 1909
Married June 24, 1947 to Linda Kathryn (Rupp) (Duerksen)—September 5, 1912.

Benjamin H., son of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen, was born on a farm west of Butterfield, Minnesota. He attended Warkentine rural school south of Mountain Lake for 2 years and Wieler East rural school east of Delft 2 years and also in Delft, Minn. Grew up on a farm and when he was 20 years old his parents quit farming and moved to Delft, Minnesota. He did farm work and one fall did his father's trucking and also worked in a filling station and many other kinds of work. In the year of 1942 he was called to serve our country, which he did as a Conscientious Objector at Henry, Illinois and Downey, Idaho, for 3 years, 7 months and 25 days without any pay, furnished his own clothing and was fed by the Mennonite Central Committee. He was released on November 13, 1945. After a few years at home married Mrs. Peter H. Duerksen and now does farming.

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AGNES (DUERKSEN) JUNKER
—April 28, 1912.
Married September 30, 1932 to Rudolph Henrich Junker—September 30, 1909.

Agnes, daughter of Henry A. and Helena (Tieszen) Duerksen, was born in Jackson county, Minnesota. She attended Warkentine country school south of Mountain Lake, Wieler Fast school east of Delft and in Delft, Minn. Before her marriage worked in hotels in St. James and Windom, Minnesota. Also did some housework. Since the children were grown has worked in Scherr-Tunico plant in St. James, Minnesota. Her husband is a farmer south of Butterfield, Minnesota.

The Rudolph H. Junkers (Agnes) had a double wedding with the Charles E. Fisks (Margaret).

ELVIN ROY—July 15, 1933. Married Sept. 30, 1957 to Sonja Ellen Svalland—March 11, 1938.

RHONDA KAY—April 28, 1958
KEITH ELVIN—July 25, 1959
KEVIN ROY—April 8, 1961
ELJO RUDOLPH—September 26, 1962

IONA IRENE—June 27, 1935. Married Dec. 9, 1955 to James Albert Hovdet—January 27, 1935.

RANDY JIM—December 3, 1956
RICKY KIM—August 10, 1958
BRADLEY TODD—February 19, 1962

RALPH VIRGIL—April 5, 1937. Married June 25, 1960 to JoAnn Marie Svalland—May 22, 1942.

GLEN LYLE—January 15, 1942

RHONDA KAY—April 28, 1958

KEITH ELVIN—July 25, 1959

KEVIN ROY—April 8, 1961

ELJO RUDOLPH—September 26, 1962

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ELVIN ROY JUNKER—July 15, 1933. Married September 30, 1957 to Sonja Ellen Svalland—March 11, 1938.

Elvin, son of Rudolph Henrich and Agnes (Duerksen) Junker, was born southeast of Mountain Lake, Minnesota in Midway township. He attended school in Darfur and west of Darfur, then district 24 southwest of Butterfield, Minnesota. Went to Mountain Lake high school and graduated in 1952. He worked at Wolf's Ford garage in Mountain Lake, Minnesota as mechanic helper until he went into the Army in April of 1953. He took basic training at Aberdeen, Maryland, and went to Army auto mechanic's school at Atlanta, Georgia. Then he was stationed at Salzburg, Austria, until his release from the Army in April 1955. He worked in the Butterfield Produce for 2 years until his marriage in 1957. He moved to Mankato, Minnesota where he attended Mankato auto mechanic's vocational school for 18 months. Then started to work as a mechanic for Central Motors Studebaker garage in Mankato until they sold out and he was then transferred to Clements Chevrolet garage where he still is working.

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IONA IRENE (JUNKER) HOVDET—June 27, 1935.
Married December 9, 1955 to James Albert Hovdet—January 27, 1935.

Iona, daughter of Rudolph Henrich and Agnes (Duerksen) Junker was born in Selma township near Darfur, Minnesota. She attended school district 27 near Darfur grades 1-5, district 24 near Butterfield grades 5-8 and graduated from Mountain Lake high school in 1953. Worked in St. James produce and Butterfield produce for two years. Now is a housewife.
Her husband is working in the Butterfield produce in Butterfield, Minn., where he has worked for nine years.

RANDY JIM—December 3, 1956

RICKY KIM—August 10, 1958

BRADLEY TODD—February 19, 1962

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RALPH VIRGIL JUNKER—April 5, 1937. Married June 25, 1960 to JoAnn Marie Svalland—May 22, 1942.

Ralph, son of Rudolph Henrich and Agnes (Duerksen) Junker, was born in Selma township near Darfur, Minn. He attended school at District 27 near Darfur 1-3 grades, District 24 near Butterfield 3-6 grades, Mountain Lake 7th grade and 8-12 at Butterfield high school where he graduated in 1956. He worked at Butterfield produce for one summer. Then started to work at Scherr-Tumico in St. James, Minn., until his induction into the Army on July 5, 1960. Took basic training at Fort Ord, California, from there went to Fort Bliss, Texas, as auto mechanic. Then a 13-month tour to Korea, was released June 16, 1962. Now is back working at Scherr-Tumico in St. James, Minnesota.

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